## LOCAL MISCELLANY.

THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY. PRIVATE RECEPTION-ARRANGEMENT OF THE SPECIMENS.

About a thousand persons, including a large amber of ladies, attended a complimentary reception of the American Museum of Natural History, at their Museum building in Central Park. An opportunity was thus afforded of examining the valuable collections re-cently purchased by the Museum, and also of enjoying a fair orchestra. Although the process of classification and arrangement had not been carried so far as the cur the visitors of the great value of the collections as a means of public education and scientific culture.

Under the direction of the Commissioners of Parks, the Arsenal has been thoroughly renovated and adapted for the reception of the collection. The first fleer, where liv-ing animals were formerly exhibited, has been converted into convenient reception parlors and committee rooms. and rendered generally attractive. Glass cases with oak fittings have been provided for the preservation of the collection. The fourth floor has been divided into three well-appointed work-rooms, for the use of curaters in arranging and labelling specimens. The stoves formerly employed to heat the building have been replaced by

to pass by progressive stages from the lowest to the highest types of animal life. At the entrance is a collecion of sponges from the East Indies and varieties of dome shaped corals, found at great depths. In the second case are exhibited specimens of leaf and branching corals, found nearer the surface. The next case centains alcoholic specimens of low orders of animal life. These form a part of the celebrated collection of Prince Maximilian of Newwind, Germany, and are valuable to receive in the celebrated. of Neuwied, Germany, and are valuable to zoologists on secount of the large number of types represented. The next ease, on the opposite side of the room, centains 200 specimens of fishes, including the dolphin, bladder-fish, Esh are exhibited in alcohol, together with skeletons of reptiles collected by the late Edward Garreaux of Paris.

A well-preserved boa constrictor from South America is worthy of notice in this department. Four cases, in the conchology, the first containing unique specimens of woods and minerals collected by Gen. Legendre on the coast of the Island of Formosa; the second a collection of shalls from all parts of the world, presented by William A. Haines; and the last two, specimens of shells and Archipelago by Prof. Albert S. Bickmere, and presented by him to the Museum. The mollusca include most of the species found on the shores of Ambeynia and adjacent islands, and are exhibited in sufficient number to afford ample opportunity for study-ing their anatomy. In the next department, 10,000 specimens of Lepidoptera have been presented by Coleman F. Robinson, including all well-known varieties of Ameritan and European moths and butterflies. Mere than 4,000 varieties of bootles and insects of other orders have been contributed by Baron R. Osten Sacken. Further Instalments of the Maximilian collection consist of South American birds, including the penguin, conder, and hawks of the higher regions of the Andes. There are in addition birds of every variety of plumage, includ-ing English sparrows, the Pempadoura, bell and umbrella birds, orioles, and parrots. Two eases, one con-taining snukes and Greenland seals, and the other deer, wild bears, and the ibex, complete the catalogue of the second floor.

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The upper story is devoted especially to North American birds and stuffed animals of all varieties, from the Kangaroe to the membey. The Elliot collection consists chiefly of North American species, and comprises over 1,500 specimens, carefully mounted on mahogany stands. One of the rarest specimens is the Great Ank, which belongs to a species now extinct, and of which the last were seen in lockand. Every bird on this continent known to maturalists is represented, including loons, gulls, spoonbills, partridges, wild turkeys, woodpeckers, and humming-birds, in endiess variety, the somber raven being next neighbor to golden orioics and flaunting flamingoes. Foreign birds also are seen, including flamingoes. Foreign birds also are seen, including flaminges and took, pheasants, cagles, and hawks. In other departments are found the reindeer and the American star; Hons, leopards, and tigers; gazelles from Africa, and birds of paradise from Australia; foxes, porcupinos, kangaroos, and countless other varieties, until the progressive sexies is closed and the climax is precipines, kanguroes, and countless other varieties, till the progressive series is closed and the cilmax is apped in complete cellection of the monkey-kind. A roup in one of the cetagenals, representing an Arabian civer, live size, mounted on a camel and stracked by a on and lioness, will be carefully avoided by nurse-aids who have consideration for children under their

## THE KNICKERBOCKER LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

BEPLY OF THE COMPANY TO THE COMPLAINT-THE MISREPRESENTATIONS OF INSURANCE AGENTS NOT BINDING-NO HELP FOR THE POLICY-HOLDERS.

The Knickerbocker Life Insurance Company desire the publication of the following letter addressed to the discontented policy-holders, whose meeting was reported in THE TRIBUNE of yesterday. The letter is somewhat condensed from the original, but substantially

To Dr. M. J. FRANKLIN, Mr. KLEIN, F. M. KLEIN, jr., and

Fo Dr. M. J. Franklin, Mr. Klein, F. M. Klein, jr., and Mr. Peteus.

Gentlemen: Since you called on me on the 'th day of this mouth, as a Committee appointed by persons who have held and hold policies in this Company, and made known to me their complaints. I have carefully examined the the list of the complaints. (The complaints specified in yesterday's Thinune are here detailed.)

The Company does not know whether policy-holders intend to pay their premiums or pot, and all it can do is to abide strictly by its contracts with insurers. In the applications for insurance, and in the policies, there is nothing said about agents calling on the insured for their premiums, or that the hisured need not come to the office to pay their premiums when doe. If agents had the power to make the arrangements or agreements stated in your complaints, there would be no use of a policy or application, a President or a Secretary. Neither I, as President alone, nor the Secretary alone, has power to make such agreements at you say were made by the canvassers or agents. The policies and other publications of the Company, in both English and German, state the following:

"All mellings, reversels of policies, penals, receipt, coverants, or

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the following:

"All policies, reversels of policies, permits, receipts, covenants, or
contracts, in any war relating to insurance, and all other contracts, inforcements instruments or writings of what kind soover, in the name of
the Knickerbocker Life insurance Convany, or undertaking or imputing
say not to be done, or any liability to be incurred by the said Company,
must be signed by the Predicts and Secretary thereof; and whenever not
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of which he paid in cash, the remainder by note. It lapsed Jan. 18, 1871, by non-payment of a premium. He applied for a paid-up policy, which the Company issued for \$200, subject to the payment of Interest annually on the 50 per cent of the premium which he did not pay, and for which the Company held his note. This interest, \$5.32, he refused to pay, and did not take the paid-up policy. Policy-holders cannot blame the Company: they alone are to blame for negligence in not meeting their agreements in time. You will find, gentlemen, that you have given yourselves much trouble and annoyance for nothing. Yen have been deceived as to the real circumstances of the cases, and you will find that the Company has in every respect complied with its contracts and agreements, its rules and regulations, and in no instance has it taken undue advantage of any of its policy-holders.

Respectfully,

ERASTUS LYMAN, President.

INDIAN GOODS. THE SPRING PURCHASES—OPENING OF PROPOSALS
BY COMMISSIONER PARKER.

The advertisements of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, inviting scaled proposals for Indian goods and supplies, have attracted this year a larger number of bidders than has been known before in the history of the Bureau. Previous to the adoption of the history of the Bureau. Previous to the adopted of the new and better way of dealing with the Indians adopted by the present Administration, usually not more than six or seven bidders ventured to compete at Washington. Contracts were in those days awarded to the favored few. One of the first measures of reform of the existing Indian Commission was to change the form of advertisements for proposals, so as to make them in accordance with the well-established and sound commercial principles by which alone fair and honorable bidders could obtain a contract. Now, awards are made to the lowest bidder for each article, and not, as formerly, on the basis of the total amount of the proposals for each class specified in the advertisement. The place of reception of proposals and inspection of samples was also changed from Washand inspection of samples was also changed from washington to this city. The results became apparent last Fall, when the number of bidders increased to 46; and subsequently the most decided gratification was evineed by the Indians on the delivery of the goods, both the quality and quantity exciting favorable comment. Ninety-two proposals were opened yesterday, including those of business firms in New-York, Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore, St. Lonis, Newark and Orange, N. J.; Quakertown (near Philadelphia), Bennington, Vt., and other places.

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The Executive Committee of the Indian Commission,
consisting of Georre H. Stuart of Philadelphia, John V.
Farwell of Chicago, Robert Campbell of St. Louis, and
Wm. E. Dodge of New-York, are assigned by law to the
supervision of the opening of the proposals, and of the
purchasing of goods and supplies. They met for this
purpose at No. 193 Duane-st., yesterday, at noon. The
other members of the Indian Commission were also present from time to time during the day. The Secretary of
the Interior was represented by Messrs. Cox and Delano
of his Department. About 150 persons, representing the
various competing firms, remained during the four hours
or more occupied by the reading of the proposals, as they
were taken from the box, and Vincent Coilyer, Secretary
of the Commission, and Mr. Cox of the Indian Burean,
recorded them, as read, item by item. The articles called
for are blankets, dry goods, elothing, hardware, shoes,
tebacco, etc. The prices at which the goods were offered
were stated to be generally below the current market
value. The Philadelphia hidders appeared to be conspicuously intent on obtaining the contracts, and there
was a large representation present from that city. The
aggregate amount of the bids is about \$5,000,000. The
Commistice was highly pieased both with the number of
bids and the low prices at which goods was offered. The
examination of samples will begin this morning, and will
continue for several days. The samples accompanying
uasuecossful bids will be returned, and those upon which
coarracts are awarded, will be held for comparison with
the goods furnished. The inspection will be rigid and
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The proposals for supplies of bacon, flour, sugar, coffee, etc., will be opened May 35, at the same place. It has been decided that bidders for these articles may designate in their proposals the place at which the supplies shall be delivered and inspected. This will no doubt be gratifying intelligence to the Cincinnat, Chicago, and St. Louis bidders, who will furnish the greater part of the supplies, as they will be spared the risk and inconvenience of heavy shipments to remote points on the frontier.

THE LAWRENCE DEFALCATION-HOW HIS OPER ATIONS WERE CONDUCTED.

The latest official statement as to the acounts of the missing Pension Agent, Gen. Lawrence, shows the amount of the deficit to be, as heretofore stated in The Tribune, about \$50,000. His sureties are able and willing to make this good to the Government. No instance has been found in which any pensioner has Winter Gen. Lawrence engaged in speculations in stocks in Wall-st. The deficit in his account at the Sub-Treas-ury on the 1st of March was about \$31,000—that is to say, he had up to that date misappropriated that amount out of the \$150,000, or more, placed subject to his order for the payment of pension checks. The checks of the Pension Agent, drawn against the sums deposited to his credit in the Sub-Treasury, are by regulation made pay-able to the order of pensioners, and any departure maids who have consideration for children under their charge.

The work of classification is still incomplete and many specimens are stored in the work-rooms. Large and important additions recently purchased are awaiting shipment in England, Gormany, and France. The collection as a whole promises to be one of great importance and will serve as a focus for uniting the energies of those interested in all departments of scientific study.

It is anticipated that the collection will be thrown open to the public in a few weeks, as soon as the work of classification is completed. A gratifying result of the formal reception yesterday was the contribution of \$1,000 by one gentionian to the permanent fund.

The following are the officers of the Museum: President, John David Weile, Vice Presidents—Howard Potter, Trestees—John David Weile, Robert L. Stuart, Robert Colpste, Estimated H. Field, Elsherd M. Blachfierd, Advian Iselin, Benjamia B. Sherman, Wilkian A. Haines: Received, Andrew H. Green, Morris K. Jeny, D. Jackson Sheward, J. Fierpest Morgan, Moses H. Grinsell, A. G. Phelps Bodge, Charles A. Dana, Joseph H. Choate, Heary Parial.

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persons in one oil, drawn to the order of some one on the number. Gen. Lawrence, according to custom, drew checks payable to his own order, for amounts of \$2,000 to \$3,000, explaining at the Sub-Treasury that they were intended for the purchase of hills of exchange for the payment of foreign pensions. He remitted all that was due the pensioners abroad; but, meantime, as the necessities growing out of stock speculations urged him, he drew a number of others, purporting to be for official disbursements, by which the amount of the deficit in his accounts was increased to \$40,000 before suspicion was aroused.

It is understood that the Government has been urged to provide against similar irregularities in the Pension Department, either by requiring that the pension-checks which are issued to persons abroad shall be made payable at some one of the American bunking-houses, in London, or elsewhere, without the medium of bills of exchange; or that the checks to be sent abroad shall bear the name of only one pensioner, which shall appear also in the bill of exchange. The latter plan has been already adopted by Col. Doty, the new Pension Agent; so that it may be said that no check from the Pension Office now comes to the Sub-Treasury, except with such a voucher as may either give reason for its payment without hesitation, of, ha a case of doubt, afford a means of speedy and sure investigation by the Sub-Treasurer or his sub-ordinates.

THE REVOLUTION IN RAILROADS-THE TRIB-UNE'S ARTICLE.

The article on narrow-gauge railroads which appeared in yesterday's TRIBUNE under the above caption created no little sensation among railroad men.
The "revolution" which it advocated has for some time been the nightmare or the dream, as the case might be, of capitalists, engineers, and contractors. But the question of the development of the vast regions of country through which the rattle of cars and the whistle of engines are as yet unheard is much more important than the question of profits to corporations or individuals. This development may be consummated, long before the early settlers could have anticipated, by the newly understood railway system known as the narrow-gauge. On this system lines of railway can be constructed all over this system lines of ranway can be constructed the country at almost half the cost of the old gauge; and the country at almost half the cost of the old gauge; and the country at almost half the cost of the old gauge; and

importance its existence in such close preximity to the iron furnaces will be of great benefit. Experienced geologists say that there indications of the existence of a coal bed below the level of the vein. A company has organized in Paterson to make further investigations.

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HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

NEW-YORK CITY. Very good strawberries were sold in the

markets yesterday, at 50 cents a quart. Two hundred and fifty-seven young criminals are metamorphosing into sailors on board the school-ship Mercury.

Collin Anderson, a Canadian, had \$237 picked om his overcoat pocket two nights ago at the Fifth-venue Hotel.

A dummy engine and two cars were running at irregular intervals yesterday on the Greenwich-st. Elevated Railway.

A show lantern, 20 feet square and 10 feet high, is finishing on the roof of a six-story establishment

Two hundred and fifty men have left the recruiting depot, on Governor's Island, within the last few days, to join regiments in Michigan and Iowa.

Commissioner of Education Timethy Brenmn was married at the early hour of 6 a. m., yesterday, to Miss Ophelia Whiteford, teacher of Grammar School No. 23.

The graduating class of Grammar School No. 35 presented, yesterday, to John M. Forbes, the Principal, two Rogers statuettes—"The Council of War," and "Rip Van Winkle." A TRIBUNE reporter found several letters

yesterday wedged in the top of the circular letter-box at Beekman and William-sts., where they had apparently been sticking for some time. Gov. Safford of Arizona was so pleased

with an exhibition of parlor skating during his re visit to this city that he took home several pairs of the skates for his Territorial friends. Mr. Samuel Lyman writes to correct the statement, made yesterday, that he is the President of the Knickerbocker Life Insurance Co. The President of that Company is Erastus Lyman.

Three ladies of New-York, New-Haven, and Flushing, respectively, have subscribed \$110, through Wm. Cullen Bryant, toward the erection of a public drinking fountain in honor of Mr. Bergh.

Capricious April was in her chilliest mood vesterday, and the birds and belles who ventured forth in the afterneon were speedily driven back to shelter by the peiring of the rain. The storm increased at night-fall, becoming one of the most severe of the season.

A portly country lady, who, in the goodness of her heart, relieved, yesterday afternoon, the pitcous appeal of a distressed, barefoot urchin for pennies to buy "bread for ma," grew indignant on seeing him slip around the corner to a "Chinee" and invest the money in a cigar!

The fourth annual report of the "Midnight Mission" for fallen women shows: On hand at last report, \$860 83; received during the year, \$2,683 30; expenditures, \$9,088 93; remaining, \$1,395 25. There were 202 women received, of whom 49 returned to their former mode of life. The retail price of milk has been reduced

this week, by a large number of dealers, from 10 to 8 cents a quart, delivered to families. The retail price of butter is also rapidly falling. The supply of these two commodities from Orange County has nearly doubled within 10 days. The beautiful pavilion of the Central Park

Springs is open for the season. About twenty kinds of mineral waters are dispensed there. Mosers, Schultz & Warker are endeavoring to induce the Park Commissioners to alter the surroundings so that carriages may eners to alter the surroundings so that oy the privileges of their draughts. The sagacity of the man who carried coals to Newcastle was surpassed, yesterday, by four of Tammany's political henchmen, who, for nearly an hour during the rain, made haste slowly to bring water from a hydrant and sprinkle a small patch of sod they had just put down in the City Hall Park.

Precocity in crime was strikingly illustrated, yesterday, by the case of Samuel Davin, a lad comnitted at the Tombs Police Court on nine different complaints, charging him with stealing nine gold watches, between Feb. 17 and April 25. The Grand Jary will be asked to indict the pawnbrokers who received the

Many people will sympathize with the indignant Broadway pedestrian who wrathfully exclaimed yesterday, after receiving a victors but probably accidental punch, "It is base flattery to call a man an idiot who, in a crowd, will deliberately carry an umbrella sticking recklessly backward over his shoulder or under his arm!"

The Boston nine arrived at the Grand Central Hotel, yesterday, and to-day, weather permitting, will play the Brooklyn Athletics, on the Capitoline grounds. the rain of yesterday having compelled a postponement. The party in town includes Harry and George Weight, Geold, McVey, Spaulding, Barnes, Cone, Birdsall, Schaf-fer, and Barrow.

The final meeting of the old Board of Education, President Smyth in the chair, was held yesterday. It was resolved that all unfinished business, such as charges against teachers, be transferred to the new bepariment of Public Instruction, and that all records and property be handed over. The appointments of several teachers were confirmed, and the President then made a farewell speech and declared the Board ad-journed sine die.

The Presbyterians propose to erect in this city a "Presbyterian House," suited to the uses of the denomination, and arrangements have been nearly completed for the purchase of the lots and buildings on the north-east corner of University-place and Ninth-st., which is regarded as a very desirable location. The buildings are to be remodeled to fit them for the uses de-signed. The whole sum needed for the purchase and im-provement of the property is \$100,600.

The Committee of citizens appointed to provide for the fitting reception and entertainment of Prince Alexis of Russia is announced as follows: W. H. Aspin-Alexis of Russia is announced as follows: W. H. Aspinwall, President; James E. Montgomery, Secretary; R. W. Howes, Treasurer; M. H. Grinnell, E. W. Stoughton, Wm. B. Duncan, Gen. Irwin McDowell, Rear-Admiral Godon, R. Lenox Kennedy, Wm. T. Blodgett, J. Taylor Johnston, L. P. Merton, A. Elerstadt, H. Clews, S. J. Maey, S. L. M. Earlow, Theodore Roosevelt, Gen. Lloyd Aspinwall, and Howard Potter.

The Bank Clerks' Mutual Benefit Association of New-York and Brooklyn, organized in 1869, has over 900 members, who pay 50 cents a month and the same amount on the death of a member. At present the same amount on the death of a member. At present the family of a member receives \$950 at his death; \$20,490 50 has been paid in this way. The deaths average 10 per year. The Society has a fund contributed by banks and private individuals amounting to \$30,000, only the interest of which can be used in carrying out its objects. An appeal for aid is made in behalf of the Association by a number of leading citizens, including Henry Clews, Geo. Opdyke, Peter Cooper, Wm. E. Dodge, S. B. Chittenden, Jay Cooke & Co., Vermilye & Co., and others.

The residents on Eighty-fourth-st., west of the Boulevard, acknowledge that, since their complaint was published in THE TRIBUNE, they have been provided by the municipal authorities with a stairway by which they can get to and from their homes without endangering they can get to and from their nomes without necessary their necks by perilous clinbing from the low land on which their residences are located to the Boulevard. They now request that the city will provide them with some kind of an inclined roadway, by which they can have coal and like necessary articles brought to their doors. As it is they have to unload these articles on the Boulevard, and carry them in by hand in small quantifies.

The work on the new Post-Office is going on briskly, although not much can be seen from the outside. The iron and granite work for the cellar and basement has all been set, and about one-half of the basement story is arched, as well as one-third of that basement story is arched, as wen as one-tained that above it. The entrance story will rise 30 feet from the ground, and two of the seven "boom" detricks have been raised on frames far enough to enable them to lift the material to that hight. The building will be 130 feet high, 290 feet long, and 290 feet wide; 150 workmen are employed. The first story will be completed before Fall. About 20,000 brick are laid duly. The last appropriation of Congress for this work was \$1,300,000.

BROOKLYN. Officer Schelank of the East New-York Police Force discovered, on Tuesday, a bundle of blood-strained woman's garments in a vacant lot on Eldert-st., near Atlantic-ave., and the residents of the place have worked themselves into a frenzy, believing that there has been foul play or perhaps a murder. The town authorities will investigate the matter.

Emma Smith, Jennie Melville, Charles Lewis, Daniel Duna, Charles Merritt and Robert Brown, who were arrested lately on a charge of keeping a panel-house at No. 51 Hicks-st., Brooklyn, were examined before

A fire last evening in the broom factory of A fire last evening in the broom factory of Louis Kleinfelder, at No. 849 Washington-ave., near Bergen-st., Brooklyn, resulted in the total destruction of the building. It originated in the office, where some whisk brooms ignited from sparks from the stove, and communicated to some adjoining frame buildings, which were speedily in a blaze. The house in the rear of No. 764 Bergen-st., owned and occupied by Daniel Croly, was damaged \$500, and is not insured. The frame tenement owned by John Lacy and occupied by several families was totally destroyed; loss on building, \$3.300, and on furniture, \$600; insured in the Phenix of Brooklyn for \$2,260, and in the Nassan Company for \$1,000. Mr. Kleinfelder estimates his loss on building at \$2,500, and on stock at \$2,000; insured for \$2,200 in the Phenix Company.

LONG ISLAND. JAMAICA .- Mr. James H. Hackett, the actor, has leased the Brinkerhoff mansion, and will remove to this village (his native place) May 1.

ROCKVILLE CENTER.—The examination of the arrested persons engaged in the riot at Rockville last week was persons engaged in the riot at Rockville last week was begun before Justices De Mott and Kellum, on Wednesday. On application of the accused, eight of the arrested men were discharged, the warrant being defective. The Court soon after took a recess, during which the discharged persons were rearrested en a new warrant. Counsel for the accused took exception to this new order of arrest, claiming that the men had been arrested by the Sheriff of the Court, and that the Court, by discharging them had decided that they had been illegally arrested. The Court, however, overraics the objection, and demanded a pice from the persons arrested, under the now warrant. Counsel objected to pleading, but on the Court again demanding it interpend a pice of not facility. Only one witness was examined, the Rev. Mr. Kelsey, and the examination was train adjourned until May 5. Abic counsel are retained on both sides, and a civil suit has been begun by the trustees for the recovery of the Church property. The old Church numbered about 500 members, and over 500 still remain with it, and will sustain the trustees. stain the trustees.

NEW TOWN.—Thomas V. Rapelvea was appointed Health Officer yesterday in place of Dr. Deunier, who, by the division of Newtowa and Long Island City is made a resident of the latter place.

FORT JEFFERSON.—The Rev. Wm. Lawrence, pastor of the M. E. Courch, has been appointed Professor of Au-cient Languages in William and Mary College, Va.

CENTREVILLE.—An epidemic prevails among the droves of cattle owned by Messrs. Corkey and De-vine. More than 20 valuable cows have died. Several days ago large numbers of the beasts were driven from days ago large numbers of the beasts were driven from their pastures, and turned loose upon Unionport Com-mon. The disease, which terminates fatally in the course of a few days, was transmitted, it is believed, in the clothes of a man, from an infected district in the East, whe was taken into the employ of Mr. Corkey only a short time since. Beef caters in the community are alarmed lest some of the diseased cattle should get into the slaughter-houses.

STATEN ISLAND.

CLIFTON .- O.Donovan Rossa, the exile, has ented a pretty cottage for the season, near this village. NEW-JERSEY.

JERSEY CITY.—The vestry of St. Mark's Church has extended a call to the Roy. J. P. Butterwerth of Dover, N. J., to supply the the place of the Rev. Mr. McMurdy, resigned... The building used as an armory for the Jersey City section of the Hudson County armory for the Jersey City section of the Hudson County Artillery is much dilapidated, and is situated among flithy peols of stagnant water... The Legislative Committee has obtained the opinion of three lawyers with reference to the legality of the recent election for Freeholders, and expect one from Antorney-General Gilchrist on Mendey... The Board of Finance and Taxation ratified, yesterday, the sale of \$600,000 more of city bonds at par and interest... Over 400 heats found shelter in the Long Dock Basin last Winter, each, on an average, containing three persons, or over 1,200 in all. There are also 12 old hulks converted into residences, which accommodated an average of five persons each.

HOROKEN.—This vicinity is becoming a prey to burg-

dated an average of five persons each.

Honoren.—This vicinity is becoming a prey to burglars and highwaymen...John White, the Justice who was imprisoned in the Hudsen County Jail for three months, has received his new commission as Justice from Governor Handetyh. White resigned his office before sentence for embezzlement was passed upon him by Junce Bedie... The lease, by the Hamburg Steamship Company, of the dock of the Bremen Steamship Company having expired, the former now occupy Pier 3, North River.

having expired, the former now occupy Pier 2, North River.

RITHERPERD PARK.—The citizens voted to raise \$3,500 for educational purposes this year.

PATERSON.—The Ladies' Benevolent Society acknowledges the receipt of \$575 and about 600 articles of clothing and bedding, but states that the treasury is entirely empty, that every carment is disposed of, and that several families still unsupplied will suffer unless assistance is continued. The Prec Masons have organized a Commandery to be known as St. Omer's. Meetings will be held in the new Lodge Room in the First National Bank Building. The Ivanhoe, Humboldt, and Falls City Lodges, the Chapter and Council will also hold meetings in the same rooms. The Passals County National Bank is to be reorganized and its capital stock increased \$100,000. The flow, Benjamin Buckley is spoken of as President. In the Carcuit Court the Jury awarded Wan. C. Gorsoch \$90, yesterday, for lands taken by the Meland Railway; for damages, \$200; and for interest, \$50,28; total, \$1,310,23. The Commissioners allowed him only \$200, and the Company offered to settle by paying \$1,200, but the plaintiff asked \$4,000... At the \$2d anniversary of the Odd Fellows, on Wednesday evening, two of the charter members—Benjamin Bowering and William Candell—were present. Four of the organizing members are still living in this city... A man named McCoy has been arrested for compileity in the murderous assault upon David Carr, Monday night.

WOODSIDE.—The First Presbyterian Church was dedicated last evening. The Rev. Charles S. Robinson of New York preached, and the Rev. Drs. Craven and Few Smith of Newark assisted in the services. A large audience was present.

MONMOUTH JUNCTION.—An naknown man, while walk-ing on the New-Jersey Railroad track near here on Wednesday, was instantly killed by an express train. TRENTON.—The Governor has signed the bill providir for the appointment by the Chanceller of a Vice-Cha for the appointment by the Charles at an annually cellor to hold effice for seven years at an annually \$5,000, with \$10 per day for each day's actual \$5,000, with \$10 per day for each connectors... To The candidates for the office are numerous. The record in the case of John Ware, convicted of murder, was made up yesterday, Chaucellor Zabruskie baving grantes a writ of error, and the Governor baving reprieved Wartill May 19, the case now goes to the Court of Errors in June of the reprieve is extended, and if errors are main tained the prisoner will get a new trial.

LECTURES, MEETINGS, ETC.

The Junior exhibition of the Class of 1872 of Rutgers Female College was held last evening in the Harlem Reformed Church, at Third-ave, and One-hund-red-and-twenty-first-st., before an appreciative audience. The anniversary reception of the House of

Industry will be held in Calvary Chapel this afternoon. It is expected that the Rev. Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler of Brooklyn, and the Rev. Dr. H. C. Potter, Rect r of Grace Church of this city, will deliver addresses. The second anniversary of the St. Joseph's

Literary Association was celebrated last evening at St. Joseph's Hall, in Sixth-ave. The entertainment consisted of speeches, essays, and songs by members of the Association, assisted in the last exercise by several The fifth anniversary of the Presbyterian

Home for Aged and Infirm Women was held at the Home, Madison-ave, and Seventy-thi: | st., vesterday afterneon, the Rev. Dr. Hall presiding. The Rev. Dr. Rollmeon, lately from France, and the Rev. Drs. Booth, Alkman, and Thompson made addresses. There are now 32 immates in the institution, one aged 95. Five died during the year.

The Commissioners of Emigration held no esterday, for want of a quorum. The semimonthly statement shows that, from Jan. 1 to April 20. 26,146 alien passengers arrived; and since that date to April 27, 4,433; making a total of 30,570, to 44,375 up to the same date in 1870. In addition to these, about 5,000 aliens have arrived by vessels the manifests of which have not yet been received. The current expenses for the half-month were \$12,026 01; cash on hand, \$12,971 44. A meeting of the International Working-

men's Union was held at No. 214 Bowery last evening, R. W. Hume in the chair. Resolutions were passed extending the right hand of fellowship to the Pennsylvania coal miners now on a strike; declaring that the Governments of the world should take possession of the instru-mentalities of production and distribution, and adminis-ter them for the benefit of the people; and expressing sympathy with the Red Republicans or Communists of France. Remarks were made by C.O. Ward, Wm. West, Col. Beeny, J. G. Gregory, and B. Hubert, in which they stated that the objects of this Association are to afford a medium of communication and cooperation for working-men throughout the world, to obliterate all distinctions of color, creed, or nationality, to oppose war, and to considerate the working-classes from the tyranny of cartal. ments of the world should take possession of the instru

HAPS AND MISHAPS.

Ann Carroll, age 60, was found dead in bed yes-The Skidmore Guard, numbering 40 colored men, drilled at Washington Hall, No. 1,370 Broadway, last evening. John McParland, age 45, residing in Pitt-st., near ent a fracture of the skull. Ellen Welsh, age 65, died yesterday in Bellevue Hospital, from taluries received by failing from a econd-story window of the tenement, No. 137 South-st.

Mary Agnes Sullivan, age 14 months, died yester day from injuries received by falling from the roof of Twenty-eighth-et., while at p.ay, on Wednesday, with of Louis Muller, age 16, of No. 424 West Fifty-third-th, while at work on the third floor of a coloned-shop in West Fifty-third-restorday fell into the cellar and received fatal lajorica. Taken to

Michael McKenna, and three unknown companions, broke in the door of Mes. Surah Bogert's realtence, No. 121 West Fifty-secondst, Wednesday night, and demanded supper. When it was ra-haed they assumed and ravisled Mrs. Bogert. McKenna is under Two frame dwellings on Meeker-ave, near Cal-rary Cenetery, ewoed by Melae Gleison and Wilham Wilkeyson, were harned yesterday. Loss, \$2,000, partly heared... Withom Kerr's storage shed, in Twenty seconds., Brocklyn, and as adjoining frame dwelling, were damaged \$300 by time.

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